

S-465
Elbert Sterling House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1940

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ELBERT STERLING HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-465

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
MODERN PERIOD
1930-Present
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PLACES

Survey No. S-465
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ELBERT STERLING HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 27871 Jim Moore Road not for publication

city, town Upper Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> x private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wayne Maddox

street & number P. O. Box 304 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code Maryland 21868

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 348

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 428

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Elbert Sterling house is located at 27871 Jim Moore Road in the historic black community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1940, the story-and-a-half frame structure is supported on a raised concrete block foundation and the exterior is clad with a layer of vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable-front roof, as well as its side gables, are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-one sash windows. The front door features a large oval glass. The entire first floor is sheltered by a single story, enclosed shed roof porch. The gable front wall of the upper story is pierced by paired six-over-one sash windows. Protruding through the center of the roof, at the intersection of the four roof ridges, is a single flue, stuccoed brick stove chimney.

The north and south side elevations are largely alike with single and paired six-over-one sash windows lighting the first floor and attic. The gable end is finished with an extended eave that joins with a cornice at the first floor height thereby creating a triangular pediment form.

The east (rear) elevation of the main block is extended by an enclosed shed roof kitchen, and the upper story is lighted by a paired six-over-one sash window.

The interior was not seen.

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Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references


Quadrangle scale _____


A

The figure shows three horizontal scale bars. The first bar is labeled "Zone" and has four vertical tick marks. The second bar is labeled "Easting" and has six vertical tick marks. The third bar is labeled "Northing" and has five vertical tick marks.

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
11- Form Prepared By			code

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization Private consultant

date 6 / 14 / 95

street & number P. O. Box 5

telephone 4 10-651-1094

city or town Westover

state	Maryland	21871
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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and/or	
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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27871 Jim Moore Road
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

348/428 George A. Sterling

 to

 Wayne Maddox
 Terry Terrell

333/416 Elbert Sterling

 to

6/30/1982 George A. Sterling

288/774 Elbert Sterling

 to

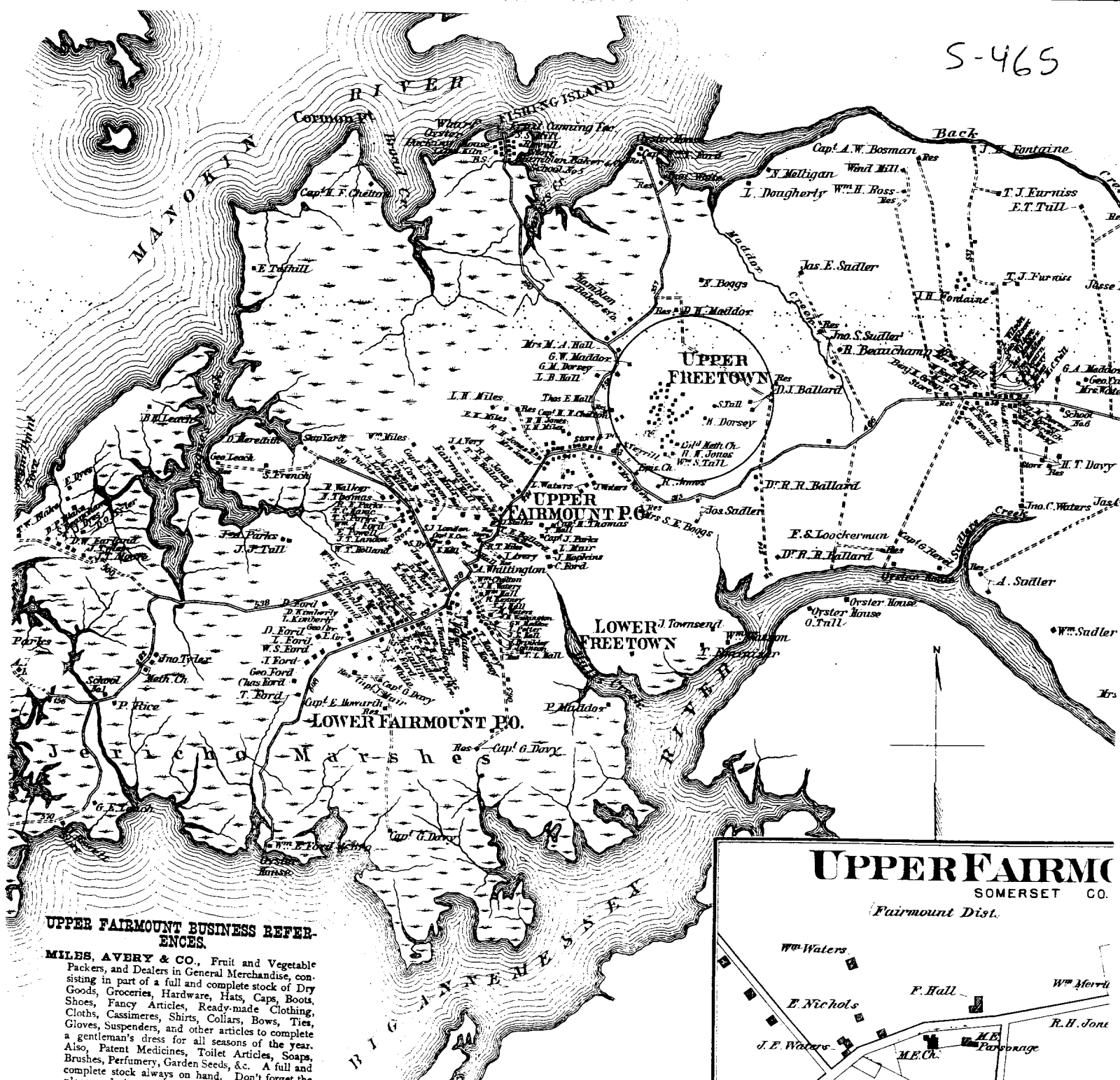
9/2/1975 Elbert Sterling
 George A. Sterling
 1/8 acre

117/191 Manuel J. Waters (also known as Emanuel J. Waters)
 Mollie Waters

 to

4/3/1940 Elbert Sterling
 Sarah Sterling
 1/8 acre

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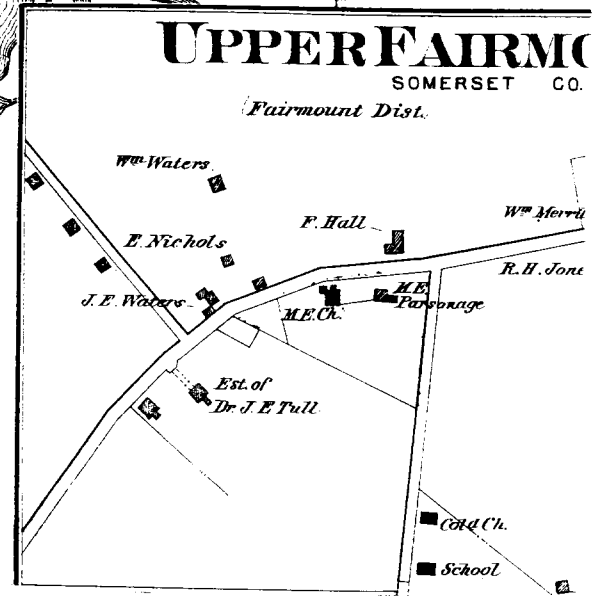


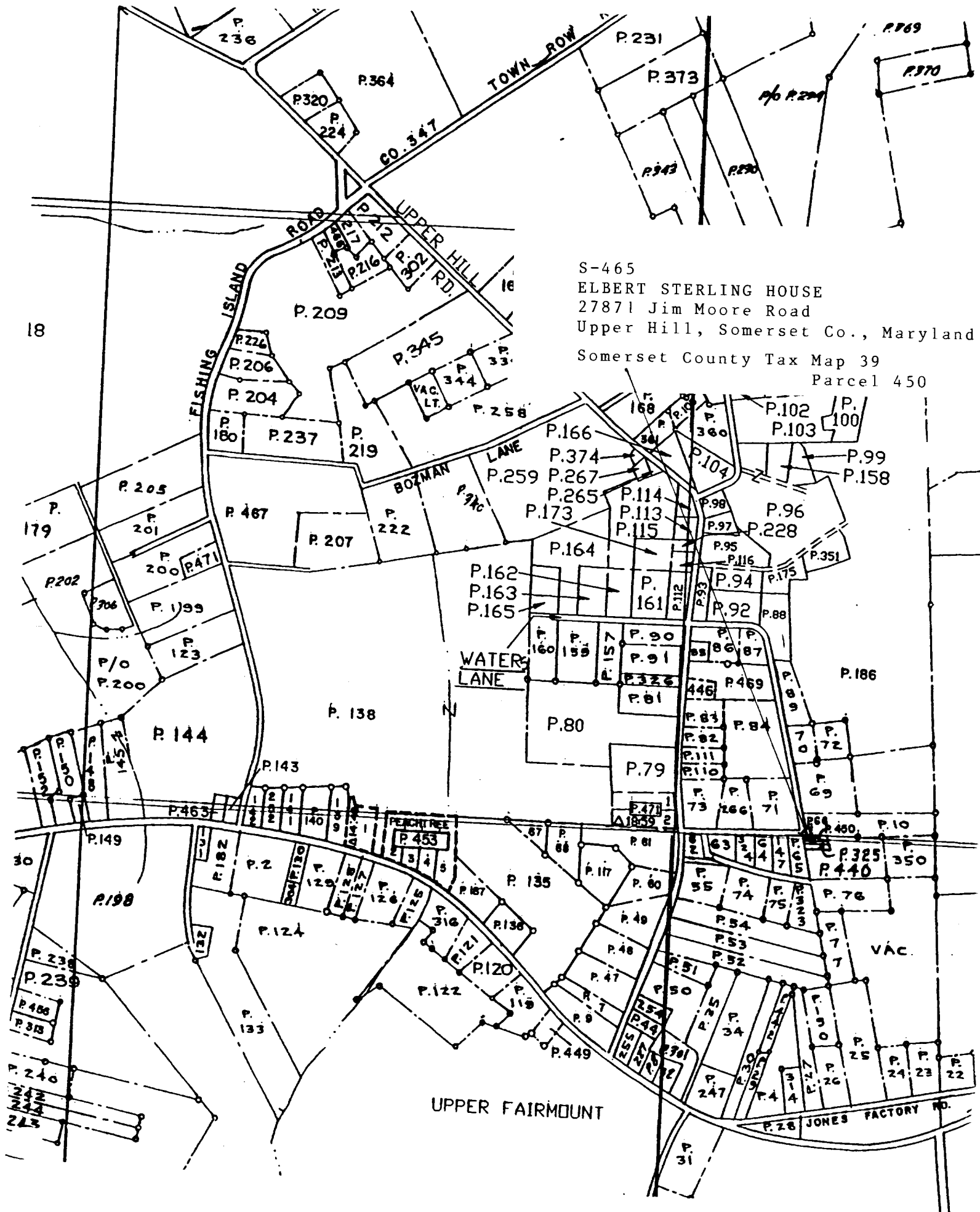
UPPER FAIRMOUNT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- MILES, AVERY & CO.**, Fruit and Vegetable Packers, and Dealers in General Merchandise, consisting in part of a full and complete stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Fancy Articles, Ready-made Clothing, Cloths, Cassimeres, Shirts, Collars, Bows, Ties, Gloves, Suspenders, and other articles to complete a gentleman's dress for all seasons of the year. Also, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, Soaps, Brushes, Perfumery, Garden Seeds, &c. A full and complete stock always on hand. Don't forget the place, and give them a call.
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- W. S. LONG**, Dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Groceries, Notions, &c. Store near Westover, Md.
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 ELBERT STERLING HOUSE
 27871 Jim Moore Road
 Upper Hill, Somerset Co., Maryland
 Somerset County Tax Map 39
 Parcel 450

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ELBERT STERLING HOUSE
Upper Hill, Somerset County, MD
Marion, Marland Quadrangle, 1972





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ELBERT STERLING HOUSE

UPPER HILL, SUMMERS COUNTY, MD.

WEST ELEVATION

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